Holiness and Separation from Compromise in a Living Church

Are you just an ordinary member in the congregation where you are?

 Answer: Yes (wrong) — Explanation: To consider yourself “an ordinary member” in the assembly means:

• Not understanding the calling that every believer has in the Body of Christ.

• Living passively, without involvement, which contradicts the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a born-again person.

• Ignoring the fact that every member is important and necessary for the growth of the other members of the Body (1 Corinthians 12:22).

Such a mentality is characteristic of a dead body, in which Christ is not present as Head, and the Holy Spirit is not at work. Where there is no obedience, involvement, and mutual edification, there is no life, but spiritual death.

 Answer: No — Explanation: God naturally places the one born of His Spirit into the fellowship of a spiritual family — the living Body of Christ, which is the Church. In this Body, no one is "insignificant," but every member is indispensable. "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'" (1 Corinthians 12:21).

This is God's portion for every believer: a living community in which Christ is the Head and the Holy Spirit actively works in each member. Each member has a unique role, established by Him, and is called to serve according to the gift received: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another" (1 Peter 4:10).

A born-again person cannot remain passive or anonymous in a gathering, but is called to be active, to contribute to the building up of the Body, and to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. The church is the place appointed by God for the perfection of the saints, to reach the stature of the fullness of Christ, and every believer has an essential role in the growth of others, according to the work of each part. (From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:16) The members care for one another, and when one suffers, all suffer with him, as it is written: "That there be no division in the body, but that the members care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with him.” (1 Corinthians 12:25-26)

In such an environment, the conditions for a real new birth are met, because the Holy Spirit is at work there, bringing growth and mutual edification.

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